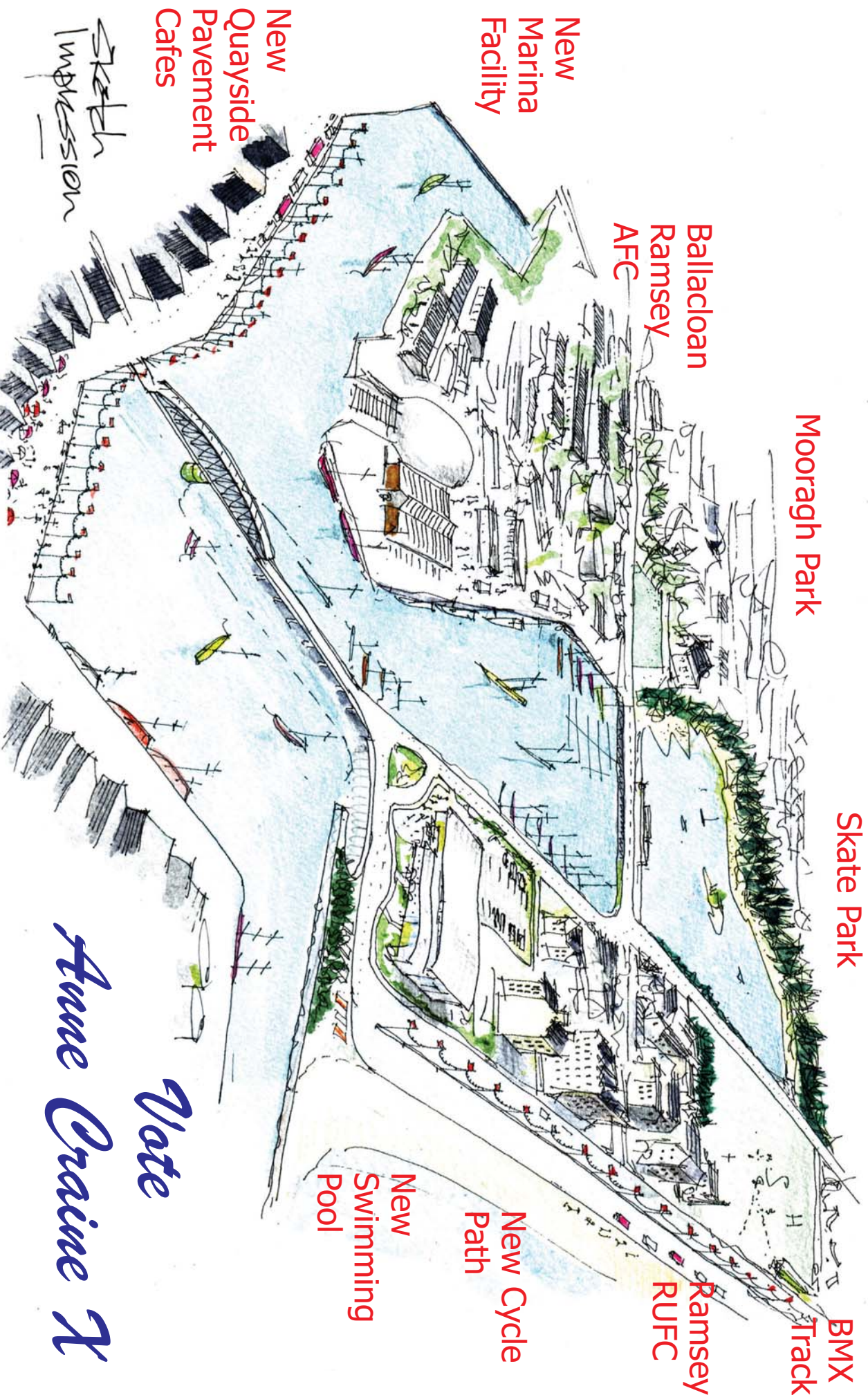


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House of Keys Election Thursday 23rd November, 2006

Anne Craine

Dear Constituents,

I have been proud and privileged to represent the people of Ramsey as your Member of the House of Keys since May 2003 and it is with a robust commitment to you and our Island that I offer myself as a candidate for re-election.

In this manifesto you will read of my hopes and ambitions for Ramsey and the Isle of Man and my thoughts on many of the important issues that concern you at the present time. I believe that Ramsey is a community second to none. It is a community worth fighting for and I take every opportunity to promote and protect Ramsey. This has led to increased government investment in Ramsey and a recognition that we will not be ignored.

I realise that in Tynwald to achieve progress for Ramsey and the Island you have to work as a team player and that you have little impact shouting from the sidelines. I have willingly accepted the many responsibilities placed upon me over the last 3 years. My aim continues to be to protect our Island and its population from external influences which adversely affect our quality of life, as well as promoting our identity, culture and heritage.

I have enjoyed the challenges that I have faced in my role as your MHK but above all else I have enjoyed the friendship and support that you have given me whilst carrying out my constituency work.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you, Ramsey and the Island and hope that I may receive your vote on Thursday 23rd November 2006.



Anne Craine
At the Heart of Ramsey...

with Ramsey at Heart

Maintaining and Developing our Economy

The Isle of Man has enjoyed great economic success in recent years and the prime concern for any Government is to develop and enhance that economy. Complacency is a real danger. In a global market where competition is fierce, we must continually strive to market ourselves as a well regulated jurisdiction with an entrepreneurial outlook. We have to seek out niche markets preferably with a high added value content utilising our own skilled labour force. Government must be quick and able to react to any outside influences and be supportive of any industries affected by external threats and changes.

We need a successful economy to continue to provide the high level of services that our island population has come to expect. In particular we must

- Secure funding for health services
- Promote high standards of education and training
- Establish new industries for secure job opportunities
- Continue to provide affordable housing
- Give greater financial support to those on fixed or low incomes

Fuel Costs and Energy Sustainability

The international costs of energy affect us all and many people are worried about the affordability of fuel this winter. We should look seriously at a scheme that increases allowances to low income pensioners and certain other benefit recipients in line with increases or decreases in fuel costs. This way we can help those who are in greatest need.

Through my role in the Department of Local Government and the Environment I have promoted an updated and simplified version of the Energy Conservation Scheme which includes grants for solar and wind technology. I will continue to vigorously support any initiative that will help the vulnerable meet the increased costs of energy.

We have to have a serious commitment to arresting climate change; we can all do our bit to help reduce CO₂ emissions and energy waste. We should seek to meet the Kyoto Agreement obligations to cut CO₂ emissions by 20%. Having served on the Energy Policy committee I recognise there will be difficult decisions to make with regard to the choices of wind farms, tidal and solar generation which will bring planning and other issues to the fore.

Investment in our youth is investment in our future

The educational facilities in Ramsey coupled with caring and committed teaching staff give our children a huge advantage in shaping their futures.

Success should not always be measured in academic terms and I welcome the introduction of Citizenship as an important non-academic part of their education. I wish to establish a Youth Forum in Ramsey where views can be expressed and youth can have positive input into community affairs.

Concern has been expressed about the lack of facilities to keep our young people occupied, particularly in their mid to late teenage years. There are numerous youth and sports clubs but these do not necessarily cater for the needs of all. The long awaited skatepark is now nearing completion but we need to provide more facilities for recreation. A cinema or coffee bar open during the evening is an obvious answer and I will support any private initiatives that address this need. Having established Beryl's Bus, latterly known as The Shed, I know we have to provide different facilities for different ages and tastes.



Immigration

With unemployment figures standing at around 1.5% we need a degree of immigration to fulfil our employment gaps. The real concern surrounds illegal immigration. We are protected from those who do not want to work by the fact that the Island does not hand out unauthorised persons is welcomed but stronger enforcement of work permit breaches is required. The Residency Act has been on our statute books for some time but it is heavily bureaucratic. I believe that it requires a cautious approach in its practical implementation. We are to a degree protected by a stretch of water and we need to maintain vigilance but be careful not to judge by race. The Isle of Man has long welcomed newcomers to our shores but it is and will continue to be the home of the Manx and it is for those new to our Island to respect our values and attitudes.

Care of the Elderly

We have a large population of elderly people in Ramsey and the North and I am pleased to be associated with the development of sheltered accommodation at the recently opened Cooyrt Balleigh, plans for an extension of Kerrooglass, refurbishment of Cooil ny Marrey and further developments on Albert Road School Site and Clifton Park.

I am aware that there is anxiety amongst many who face having to pay for nursing care in the later years of their life and who worry about having to sell their homes to finance that care. As a result of a legal judgement in the UK recommendations are being considered that would make all nursing care free of charge. I would support the implementation of this provision in the Isle of Man.

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Parental responsibility should be demanded in dealing with the discipline of children who cause problems on the streets. Parents should know where their children are, whom they are with and what they are doing. They, and not society, must be held to account for the unruly behaviour of their children. Drug and alcohol abuse incurs an ever growing cost to society. From anti-social behaviour to violence on the streets and in the home the majority of crimes are in some way related to alcohol misuse. Statistics indicate that more Class A drugs are being seized by the police. I will press for more police powers to tackle these insidious threats that are causing a huge drain on resources in so many areas.

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Working for Ramsey...

Green Light For Go!



As your MHK for the last three years and before that as a Member of the Board of Education I have been able to influence the progression of all of the following projects.

Ramsey Grammar School - Medway Block	: currently under construction	£6.1m	●
Auldyn School	: completed 2005	£5.1m	●
Albert Road School replacement	: in planning	£6.0m	●
Swimming Pool - completion 2008	: in planning	£5.8m	●
Shipyard Refurbishment	: completed autumn 2006	£1.0m	●
Lezayre Housing Estate	: work underway	£23.0m	●
Faale Wyllin	: completed summer 2006	£1.0m	●
Cooyt Balleigh	: completed summer 2006	£1.7m	●
Ormyl: first time buyer grants	: work underway	£1.1m	●
Queens Hotel Site: first time buyer grants	: completion spring 2007	£1.2m	●
Ballure Apartments	: in planning	£2.2m	●
Clifton Park: sheltered accommodation		£3.4m	●
and first time buyer grants	: in capital programme		
Albert Road: sheltered accommodation		£4.3m	●
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Kerrooglass Extension	: design stage	£2.0m	●

I have persistently fought for the restoration of the Queen's Pier and I am confident that the formation of the Chief Minister's working group reporting in February 2007 means that the future of the Pier is brighter than it has been for some years.

I have asked for the reconsideration of the MEA site in Gardeners Lane as a proposed Civic Amenity Site. Other possibilities are now being explored and I believe that the feasibility study will prove Gardeners Lane to be unsuitable.



I put great emphasis on the benefits of a strong community and have been proud to instigate and organise Ramsey National Week. This has now become established as a successful and enjoyable celebration of the community spirit of Ramsey. My activities span a wide range of ages and interests from being a founder of the Ramsey Young Peoples Project to the President of the recently established Northern Neighbours. I am keenly involved with many other clubs and organisations in the Town.



In an effort to be environmentally friendly, one manifesto has been issued to cover all voters in any household.

Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital

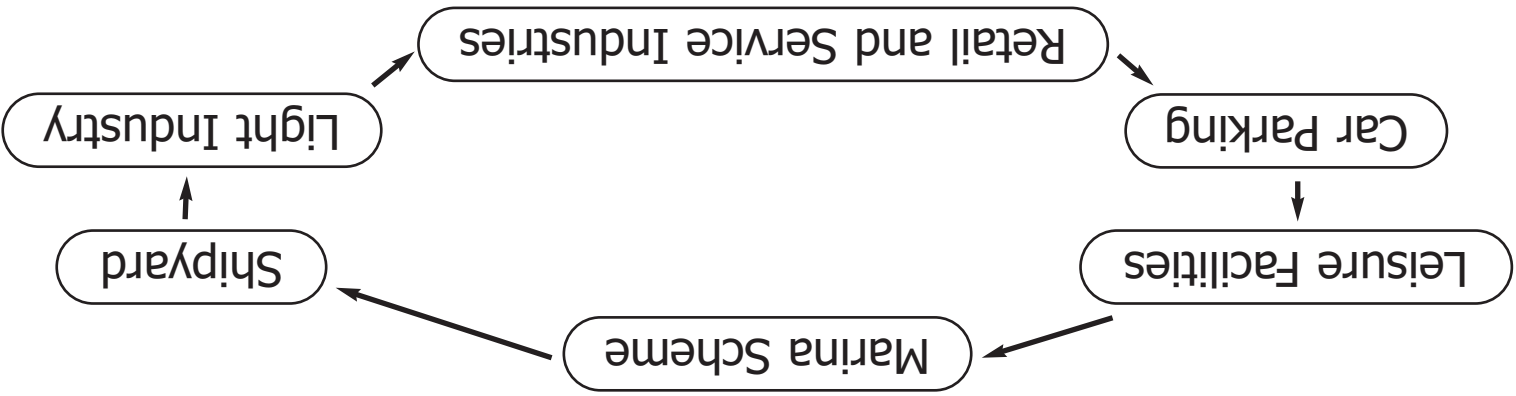
The restoration of 24 hour opening of the Minor Injuries Unit has always had and will continue to have my full support and I will fight as I have done through repeated questions and debate in Tynwald for its restoration.

THESE ARE THE FACTS:

- The hospital is **not** going to close and its future is firmly secure.
- The hospital is **open** 365 days per year.
- The Minor Injuries Unit is open 365 days per year 8am – 10pm
- A bid has made for the monies to enable the restoration of the 24-hour nursing provision at the Minor Injuries Unit in the 2007/08 budget.
- I am optimistic that this bid will be successful.

The Hospital celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2007. From this strong foundation we have the opportunity to develop services from within existing resources to improve the delivery of healthcare and quality of life of those who live in Ramsey and the surrounding Northern Area. One such opportunity which I am pursuing is the delivery of renal dialysis in Ramsey for the benefit of local people. In addition I am working with the DHSS on their new Strategy for Older People which will entail the delivery of community based nursing care through community facilities and I wish to see the Hospital being used as the co-ordinating base for this important area of health care.

Ramsey Matters!



Ramsey is on the brink of golden opportunities that we cannot afford to miss. The exciting news that the Water Retention Scheme is going to the consultation/design phase should be seized with enthusiasm by the whole community.

A new marina facility has the potential to attract additional business to the newly refurbished shipyard and other associated light industry bringing employment opportunities to Ramsey with knock on benefits for our retail and service industries. As a member of the Economic Initiatives Committee I recognise that in order to attract shoppers and business developments to Ramsey we need purpose built car parking. More money generated by businesses in the town will produce more rateable income which the Town Commissioners can apply to the creation and refurbishment of leisure and other facilities. The proposed Water Retention Scheme has the unique potential to transform Ramsey.

It's a win win situation and we cannot afford to say no a second time. Provided it meets the needs of all harbour users it will have my full support!

Polling Stations: St. Pauls Hall, Town Hall, Ramsey Fire Station - 8am to 8pm

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